

# Genesis 1 in the New Testament

“We have educated ourselves into imbecility”

“There is nothing so vulgar left in our experience for which we cannot transport some professor from somewhere to justify it”

*We need Genesis 1, in both Old Testament and New Testament*

# I. Creation, Gn.1:1

# NT agrees with Genesis 1

Three passages add details –

1. Jn.1:1, a ‘beginning’ that precedes Gn.1  
(Jn.17:5)

– *With* God ... *was* God ... busy in creation  
... all things made through Him (v.3)

# NT agrees with Genesis 1

Three passages add details –

2. Hb.1:2-3, *sustains universe with His powerful . word.* [<sup>2</sup>...through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> ... and upholding all things by the word of His power]
- 3<sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God
- 11<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible

# NT agrees with Genesis 1

Three passages add details –

3. Col.1: warns of dangers to God's people –
  - Relapse into paganism, 3:5-11
  - Embracing Colossian heresy – 'Jesus is not a complete Savior.' Contrast 1:19; 2:9
    - False philosophy, 2:8
    - Jewish ceremonialism, 2:11, 16-17
    - Angel worship, 2:18
    - Asceticism, 2:20-23

# NT agrees with Genesis 1

Three passages add details –

3. Col.1:15, *image* of invisible God, *firstborn* of **all** creation (8x: v.15-20)
  - 16 explains why. Gn.1 = Jn.1
  - 17 elaborates: all things ‘exist, hold together’ in Him. Jn.1:11
  - 18 creation of universe is not His greatest work...
  - 19 fullness of God (2:9) dwells in Him (thus He reconciles, 20)

## Scripture stands as a unit

Niles Eldredge: “We paleontologists have said that the history of life [in fossil record] supports [story of gradual evolution], all the while knowing that it does not.”

Scientists believe in gravity...because it is demonstrated daily. No one says gravity is real because other scientists believe it.



I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2, 6, 9

## 2 Pt.3:5 = reference to Gn.1

For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water – 2 Pt.3:5

Dissolved: 2 Pt.3<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up

Consist: Col.1<sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

# Only valid explanation for existence of world: power of God's word – 2 Pt.3

- 5, creation: out of water and by (means of) water the world stood...
- 6, flood: when God determined to destroy world, same water obeyed same word...
- 7, judgment: when God destroys heaven and earth, **fire** will obey same word...

I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2,6,9

III. Light, Gn.1:3

## 2 Co.4:6 (= Gn.1)

<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- New creation is as much a work of God's sovereign power as the first creation.
- Paul knew about leaving darkness for light –  
3<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## 2 Co.4:6 (= Gn.1)

- “What about religious atrocities?”
  - They contradict the gospel, 1 Pt.2:21-25
  - Atheist atrocities cannot contradict their system. E.g.: Hitler –

“I freed Germany from the stupid and degrading fallacies of conscience and morality... We will train young people before whom the world will tremble. I want young people capable of violence – imperious, relentless and cruel”

I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2,6,9

III. Light, Gn.1:3

IV. Harvest, Gn.1:11-12

# 1 Co.15:38

- Resurrection by sovereign power of God.
  - “*As it pleased Him*” (ASV)
  - “*As He wished*” (NASB) [as He decreed]
- 39 = Gn.1:20, 24: God gives each creature flesh that matches its role in creation.
  - If fish had human skin...
- It is as easy for God to raise dead as it was to form different kinds of flesh in Creation
- 2 Mac.7:...28, belief in resurrection governs present life



I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2,6,9

III. Light, Gn.1:3

IV. Harvest, Gn.1:11-12

V. Mankind, Gn.1:26, 28

## Acts 17:...26

- And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings
  - Every man from one man: unity of human race
  - Greeks considered themselves racially superior to surrounding barbarians

## Acts 17:....28

- for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'
  - Aratus, native of Cilicia, Paul's home

## Acts 17:29

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

- Irony –
  - Athenians thought highly of themselves, but adopted a view that was beneath them
  - Proud professor rejects God, but accepts descent from monkeys

I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2,6,9

III. Light, Gn.1:3

IV. Harvest, Gn.1:11-12

V. Mankind, Gn.1:26, 28

VI. Image of God, Gn.1:26-27

## Col.3:10

- (you) have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him
- Conversion is not simply discarding old clothes but putting on new ones
- Conversion is not simply individual virtues but new personality (2 Co.5:17 –
  - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

- Gn.1:26-27, *image of God*.
- Ro.13<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
  - In Christ: the image of God, possessed at first by Adam, but lost through sin, is now restored.
  - Put on: to become so possessed of the mind of Christ as in thought, feeling, and action to resemble Him and, as it were, reproduce the life He lived –Th.

I. Creation, Gn.1:1

II. Word of God, Gn.1:2,6,9

III. Light, Gn.1:3

IV. Harvest, Gn.1:11-12

V. Mankind, Gn.1:26, 28

VI. Image of God, Gn.1:26-27, 28

VII. Marriage, Gn.1:27



## Mt.19:4 (5)

- <sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female
- Also in Mk.10 ... 1 Co.11:7 ... 1 Tim.2:13
- God created man and woman.
- The only relationship possible was monogamy... (*the one has the one*)
- Neither could leave spouse, find another.
- God's original plan outlasted Law of Moses.
- Jesus' restoration: go back to blueprint.

## Mt.19:4 (5)

- People who can't figure out what marriage is are the ones who don't believe Gn.1...  
[man is animal...no resurrection of body...]
- “If God is dead, everything is justifiable”

## Is Genesis one myth? ...not literal?

- Mohler – Theological disaster ensues when the book of nature (general revelation) is used to trump God's special revelation, when science is placed over Scripture as authoritative and compelling.
- Kidner – There can scarcely be another part of Scripture over which so many battles, theological, scientific, historical and literary, have been fought, or so many strong opinions cherished.

## Evidence –

People who do not believe Genesis 1 . . . .

- can't figure out what marriage is ...
- can't figure out what man is ... (animal)
- there is no resurrection of body (only spiritual) so 'eat, drink, and be merry' ...
- if the gospel is out of date, filled with lies, and irrelevant, of necessity evolution reigns, and Jesus Himself is a fraud.

If God is dead, everything  
is justifiable – Dostoevsky